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TO  
Chair, Donovan M. Dela Cruz  
Honorable Members of the  
C & C of Honolulu Council  
Regular Hearing on 2/23/05 at 10 AM

FROM  
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On behalf of the 4,039 constituents here in the C & C of Honolulu,  
The Mestizo Association is pleased to submit this testimony in support  
of:

1. Bill 8
2. Res. 05-020

The Bill #8 proposes to amend future qualification of the  
Bandmaster, Royal Hawaiian band. We support this in concept, but  
not to the detriment of the current request for the Council  
confirmation of the nomination of Mr. Michael Nakasone, to this  
post as bandmaster. In the interim, the administration could be  
advised to ask the bandmaster to incorporate the existing talents in  
the Band to provide the Hawaiian tradition and language in its  
performance at its various venues. For the subsequent appointment  
of a Bandmaster, the concept behind Bill 8 could be incorporated in  
the interview and application process.

As to Res. 05-020, we support this measure in concept, and it follows  
a legislation from 2004 as a follow-up. But since then it has become  
abundantly clear that the City's finances are in slightly shaky

ground. So now might now be the time to set aside and expend all of the moneys on celebrations. But the original intent of the 2004 measure was that whatever was left after the celebration expenditures was to be allocated for the use of the existing arts and performances. Even that has to be curtailed until the C & C of Honolulu Mayor and the Council can come to some resolution as to how to address its financial woes.

Mahalo for this opportunity to provide testimony.

Me Ke Aloha Pūmehana.

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